



Thief strikes campus

BY KENNIS BELL
Staff Writer

Students and faculty are taking extra precautions after thieves have stolen more than \$19,000 of equipment.

It all started when an overhead projector was stolen out of the Rogers Student Center Room 305 on Sept. 10 between the hours of 10:50 a.m. and 4:15 p.m..

Now there are nine mounted video projectors and two plasma flat screen monitors missing.

The prices to replace the projectors are \$1,000 each and each television is priced at \$5,000.

"I honestly don't believe that it was a student who has stolen all that equipment," said student Sara Scarbrough

The video projectors were used to show a visual and aid the learning process.

"Enough is enough, They have stolen nine projectors which is ultimately hurting us," said student Chrystal Nwanonyiri.

The faculty is fighting back by taking extra precautions to ensure

the safety of the equipment.

"We are locking doors before and after classes, not leaving classes unattended, and walking the building," said Fernando Figueroa, Dean of University Studies. "Teachers have been very adaptive and flexible to not having projectors."

Teachers try to continue classes without the aid of the projector.

"I believe that this is an outrage," said Mrs. Joan Bruckwicki, English Professor. "They are taking away from the student money (public funds)."

Mrs. Bruckwicki incorporates the projector into daily lessons.

For example, one of her lessons was about capturing the perfect picture and she used the overhead projector to bring visuals for the



Staff photo: Chris Shepperd

Thieves are using different methods across campus to remove school property. Network cables pictured above were cut in J1109.

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Tragedy hits TJC Baseball

BY CHRIS SHEPPERD
Editor in Chief

The Tyler Junior College family is trying to recover from the tragic loss of TJC baseball player Payton Diers who was critically injured in a car accident Oct. 5.

Though his life was cut short, teammates and coaches remember Diers as a fighter who always had a smile on his face.

"He always had a great attitude and was very competitive," said Sophomore Pitcher Michael LaCourse.

Diers, a 19-year-old pitcher from Jacksonville, passed away Monday, Oct. 8 from injuries sustained in the accident.

"Payton's death is a tragic loss

of life and one that has forced our team to our knees," said TJC Head Baseball Coach Jon Groth.

Diers grew up playing East Texas baseball for Jacksonville High School, where he graduated in 2006. He then made the move to TJC where he spent his freshman year as a starting pitcher for the Apaches.

Payton was a force to be reckoned with during the Apache's World Series run. Last season he had a 4-1 record with a 3.56 ERA and 40



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students.

"It grabs the student's attention more although it's still a luxury," said Bruckwicki.

Replacing the projectors is the overall problem.

"Anytime something is taken it hurts the entire school," said George Wilson, director of multimedia. "I would like to see a group formed to patrol the campus and to watch for various electronic crimes. I will sponsor it."

Students are also encouraged to

"Enough is enough"

Chrystal Nwanonyiri
student

do their part to ensure that this will never happen again.

"Be aware of your surroundings, check people that are walking around with campus equipment making sure that they have the IT emblem on their shirt," said Dean Figueroa.

If they see any out of the ordinary, students are asked to please call 903-510-2222 (Campus Safety).

Dr. Metke to serve as Interim

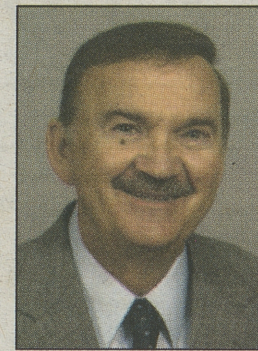
BY POLLY D'AVIGNON
Staff Writer

Using teleconferencing technology and some cross-country travel, Dr. Mike Metke will serve as part-time president of Tyler Junior College until he begins full-time employment in January.

David Hudson, president of the TJC board of trustees, said the decision was "the smart thing to do" compared to the other option of naming a separate interim president and cited the work of the college's faculty and staff as a factor in the decision.

"There are no difficulties or problems that are not being addressed by the people that we have on staff," said Hudson. "These outstanding people can continue to manage the college without the appointment of an interim president."

After Dr. William Crowe announced he would be leaving at the beginning of October to start a new job in Georgia, the board met sever-



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Mike Metke, who will succeed Dr. Crowe in office, has been named Interim President until he fills the office full time in January 2008

al times to discuss options including the possibilities of naming one of the college's vice presidents or someone unaffiliated with the college as interim president.

On Sept. 27, members of the board voted unanimously to exercise an option in Dr. Metke's contract to move up his start date based on his availability.

"Our plan is for me to be working about quarter-time," said Dr. Metke.

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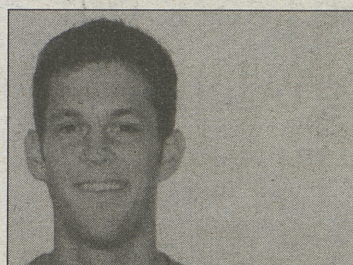
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Right and wrong come pre-installed



The way I see it

BY CHRIS SHEPPERD
Editor in Chief

Like with any good computer, humans come pre installed with certain things.

Some people are loaded with athletic ability. For others it is good looks. A lot of people are just full of brains, talent and charm. I think you get the picture.

Not everybody gets installed with all of these things. But, there are some things that come standard on all people.

Knowing the difference between right and wrong is

one thing everybody starts off with. Can you lose this stuff? I have been told all my life, "Use it or lose it." But really is it possible to lose knowing the difference between right and wrong?

Most of us wouldn't walk into a store and stuff a shirt in our pocket and walk out. That would just be dumb. That is called stealing.

We also know it is wrong to run a red light. Red means stop. These rules are made to keep us safe. They are designed to keep people in line.

How come, if we know the difference between right and wrong, we steal music?

It seems really innocent at first. We borrow a friend's CD so we can see if we like the music.

Next thing we know it finds its way into our computer and is magically being downloaded onto our

hard drive.

Then we randomly stumble across a website that has "free" music. If a CD costs \$10 on iTunes, why would it be "free" on the Internet?

We make excuses like, "It is only one song," or "I don't do it very often." And I love this one, "I am a poor college student."

It only takes one time to make it wrong.

Most of us wouldn't walk into a music store and steal the CD.

So what makes this any different?

Sure the odds are in your favor. You probably will not get caught. There are millions of other people doing the same thing.

But if you could plan the perfect murder and knew you would get off scott free, would that make it right?

What most of us probably don't think about is the legal ramifications that can

come from stealing music.

I don't think anyone would argue that if I walked into Best Buy, slid a CD into my pocket and walked out, I would deserve to be punished.

Well, I hate to break it to you, but there are some pretty strong penalties for music piracy.

Did you know that under current federal law, if you are caught stealing music, you can be fined up to \$250,000 and spend up to 10 years in jail?

Is a free CD really worth that to you?

I think we lose sight sometimes of what is really important. We think if no one sees us then it is ok.

The point isn't whether or not you will get caught. You will probably get away with it. But you are hard-wired to do what is right.

Stop making the easy choice and start making the right choice.

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Students believe voting counts

BY JASON LEWIS
Staff Writer

Can one vote really make a difference?

According to an informal on-campus survey of 100 Tyler Junior College students, it does.

"Sometimes one vote can make a difference," said Student Activities Director Scott Nalley.

Survey results show, 72 percent of students do believe that one vote can make a difference. Sixty-three percent of students are currently or plan to register to vote this year.

Although less than 10 percent of students actually stay informed

with candidates' campaigns, 58 percent still plan to vote in the next presidential election.

When asked, "Who do you believe will become the next President of the United States?"

A large number of students rallied behind Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton with 41 percent, followed by former New York City Mayor Republican Rudy Giuliani with 26 percent. Republican Sen. John McCain was chosen by 13 percent of students, 11 percent choose Democrat John Edwards, and 9 percent choose Democratic Sen. Barack Obama.

For students who have not yet

registered to vote, Phi Beta Kappa and Student Senate are planning a voter registration drive.

There is no exact date yet, but it is expected to occur sometime later this fall semester and once again in the spring. In the mean time, students can pick up Voter Registration Cards in the Student Affairs office (RSC 235) Nalley said student affairs will mail them to the Smith County courthouse.

For more information, contact the Smith County Elections Office online at www.smith-county.com (click the Elections icon), or visit their office located at 200 E. Ferguson St. (5th Floor) in Downtown Tyler.

Recruiters on campus seek out TJC students

BY DE'AIRRA MARCHBANKS
News Editor

No longer do students have to take a weekend road trip to visit some of their top college picks. This fall several Texas universities will be setting foot on the campus of Tyler Junior College.

On Thursday Oct. 18, and Wednesday Nov. 14 Stephen F. Austin State University representatives will be recruiting students for the 2008-2009 school year. Currently 12,000 students across the nation have chosen to become an SFA lumberjack. SFA specializes in social work and horticulture degrees. If enough students apply for either program, an SFA instructor will come to teach upper level classes right here at TJC.

Another college making a stop at TJC this fall is Texas Christian University. Students can get information about becoming a horned frog on Thursday, Nov. 8. Founded by two East Texas brothers, TCU currently has more than 8,000 students attending the private university.

On November 12, students have the chance to visit with a Maverick from the University of Texas at Arlington. UTA is the 3rd largest engineering college in the state. They also have a nationally recognized nursing program.

Silvana Vierkant, lead academic advisor at Tyler Junior College advises students to start early if they plan on continuing their education at a four year university.

Vierkant said a key aspect of her job is to make sure students take classes pertaining to their major, even if they don't have one.

"If students have some sort of idea what they want to major in when they transfer, we want to make sure they take the pertinent classes." Classes focused on a student's major makes for a smooth transition, she said.

Transferring to a four year university can be exciting but it can also

Student IDs serve up discounts

BY CODY LILLICH
Staff Writer

The new Tyler Junior College student ID will now be good for more than just on-campus activities.

Off-campus discounts are not widely known, or on any list, and most students do not know where to get them.

"I did not even know we had discounts," said Tanisha Williams, nursing major.

Most of the businesses that offer specials to students say it is part of their mission to reach out to the community.

"We are interested in community outreach and want to be helping out the college," said Albert Thomasson, manager of Chicken Express and former TJC student.

"We have fed the football team and crew on the first game," said Thomasson. "We enjoy having students here."

Chicken Express, located on West Loop 323 near the Tyler Junior College West Campus, offers a student meal for \$5.

The management at Joe's Italian Café on Fifth Street offers a free drink with entrée and understands that college students are always busy.

"I have a son who is a student and realize that it is hard when kids

Students can take advantage of discounts offered by local restaurants, businesses

are going to school and work. Every bit helps," said Barbara Carter, owner of Joe's Italian Café.

Another special offered at Joe's are the \$5.95 lunch specials served with salad and bread.

Dwayne's Country Café, located east of campus on Fifth Street, says

their special is all about reminding students of home in a nice place for students to escape.

"Students and faculty receive 10 percent off everything," said Wendy Spangler, Dwayne's Country Café

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Staff Photo: De'Airra Marchbanks

Student friendly menus offered across town with student ID.

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TJC follows a unique American invention

BY MIMI CHAVANNE
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College was created in 1926, along the lines of the mission, vision and values of the community college - a uniquely American invention.

This tradition started in 1901 with the creation of Juliet Junior College in Juliet, Ill., by William Randy Harper and Stanley Brown.

"The courses were designed to help students prepare to transfer to universities," said TJC Provost Dr. Mark Escamilla. "There were over 100 junior colleges when TJC was created, with the same mission built around open access, affordable tuition, and proximity to population."

"The community college is the American contribution to higher education," added TJC Dean of Continuing

Studies Dr. Aubrey Sharpe. "We are the college of the second chance."

TJC sophomore in Education Tammy Bailey confessed that the low cost motivated her choice for a community college, a cheaper way to get all her basics, then transfer to a 4-year university.

"It's an easier transition from high school to college," said Sherry Kilmain, also a TJC sophomore in Education. "It's a smaller school with smaller classes. And I know that, for a lot of people, it's easier because it's closer."

David Hudson, TJC Chair of the Board of Trustees, explained the movement that took place in the Tyler community that led to the creation of TJC.

"Back in the 20's, community leaders started to campaign in Tyler and went

to business leaders in order to raise money to start this community college. Originally located on Tyler High school campus, it moved out to its current location in 1946, in the only building at that time, now known as Jenkins Hall."

If TJC shares the philosophy of community college with other ones, it also sets aside from them in many ways. Dr. Escamilla mentioned all the services and activities that are unusual for traditional community colleges.

"We are residential, we have a great variety of extra curricula that include athletics, band, student organizations and activities that are more reflective of a 4-year university."

"TJC is a hybrid," summarized Dr. Sharpe. "It has got the best from both junior and senior colleges."

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owner.

"We do 'mama's cooking', and I would rather them come down here and think of mom," said Spangler. "Maybe they will feel compelled to call mom after our meal."

Spangler said they are also considering making some additions to the restaurant to make it more student-friendly.

"We are trying to get a wireless router so students will be able to bring laptops," Spangler said.

Sam's Deli on South Broadway Avenue in Tyler offers a choice of three specials called the "A B C's".

The "A Special" offers 50 percent off all drinks with an entrée.

The "B Special" offers \$1 off a small pizza, \$2 off a me-

dium, or \$3 off a large.

The "C Special" is \$1 off the daily special.

Mazzio's Pizza at their Fifth Street location is offering their buffet at \$3.99.

Storage Plus, located on Old Bullard Road in Tyler, is offering the second month free on all units for TJC students.

After learning of the discounts, Tanisha Williams says she is glad businesses will be there to help college students.

"It is good to know someone is looking out for us," said Williams.

Many of the businesses that have a student special will be appearing in the Apache Pow Wow.

The only requirement for these specials is you must present your current TJC Student ID.

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visit the website of their prospective university frequently.

"Sophomore students go online now. Get those scholarship deadlines and read

the information," she said.

You can find all the college recruits in Jenkins Hall at the bottom of the stair well.

For a list of all the recruitment dates on campus this fall, contact Angie Fitts at 903-510-2398.

Judicial program keeps order

BY JASMINE SMITH
Staff Writer

The Student Judicial Program at Tyler Junior College provides an educational way of dealing with behavior in a campus environment.

"Student Judicial is the primary disciplinary source for all students," said Brandi Murrell, the program coordinator.

The program provides educational adjudication for students that may have violated the Student Code of Conduct.

"Most importantly, it's an educational process and not punitive," said Brandi Murrell. The program only deals with violations of the

Student Code of Conduct, such as cheating, plagiarism, and any act intended to give unfair academic advantage to the student.

Anyone can refer students with possible violations of the Student Code of Conduct on or off campus. Referrals can be made by completing an incident report online or by notifying Campus Safety.

The program exemplifies 'Apache Pride' by promoting respect for ones self, others, and an educational environment. Although students don't receive any awards for referrals, Apache Pride basically recognizes any student, faculty, or staff who respects the Student Code of Conduct.



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Service award fulfills TJC's third promise

BY MICHELLE STEIN
Student Life Editor

Each semester, Tyler Junior College honor students commit to help the community while earning service hours.

TJC offers students the opportunity to submit their hours on a national level for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Throughout the semester, students assist with Relay for Life, Animal Rescue, the Literacy Council, and Habitat for Humanity.

The Presidential Service Award was created by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to honor those who have shown exemplary commitment in their volunteering efforts and to encourage others.

During a 2002 presidential address, President George W. Bush challenged Americans to volunteer

4,000 hours, or two years, of volunteering service over the course of their lifetime. One year later he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media are the wide-ranged participants that make up the 74 leadership organizations.

The number of hours served are tallied annually among individuals, families, or groups. According to the website, 400,000 awards have been given.

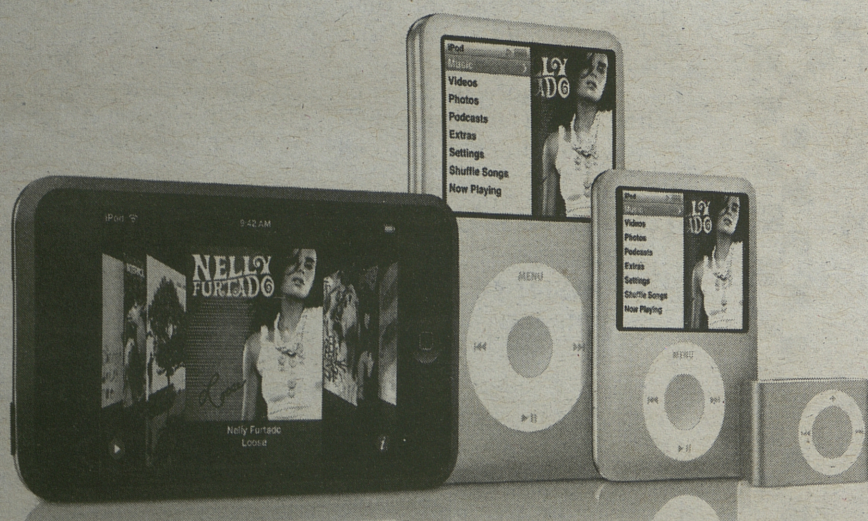
"Our honors students have to complete a minimum of 32 hours of community service to graduate with the honors distinction, so I coordinate with several volunteer organizations in our area," Scholars Academy Coordinator Mandy Stubblefield said via e-mail.

For information and events go to www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.



Staff Photo: Michelle Stein

L to R: Megan Dauman, Jessica Dufour, Sarah Mendola and Lauren Parrish set up for the Relay For Life festivities on Pat Hartley Field.



Courtesy photo

Apple updates outrage consumers

BY NATALIE KUSHNER
Staff Writer

As members of Generation Tech, a growing number of American students eagerly stay on the forefront of ever-changing, new technology without much complaint.

However, the recent announcement made by consumer electronics corporation Apple Inc. has many people cheering and jeering.

On Sep. 5, Apple announced that it would be slashing prices by \$200 on its current iPod product line, including the iPhone, and introducing next-generation versions of its most popular MP3 players, such as the iPod Classic, the iPod Nano, and the brand new iPod Touch. The move was a surprise.

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Website offers guide to students' first year

BY MANNY BEDDINGFIELD
Staff Writer

For first year students who have been feeling a little out of place, Tyler Junior College offers First Year Experience to help guide them through a successful year.

First Year Experience was created in 2006 to inform new students about all of the extra curricular activities TJC has to offer. This program also offers a way for students to become familiar with resources and other information about the campus. First Year Experience urges students to get involved in various organizations on campus as a way to meet new people and share in some of the Apache spirit.

"I learned about the student activities fair and the meet the apaches pep rally through First Year Experience. I really enjoyed going to both of those during welcome week, and I actually learned a lot of information about TJC that I know I will use in the future," freshman Casey McClen-

ny said.

One of the main goals of FYE is to get student's who don't live on campus a chance to come back to campus after classes. Late night movies, dances and concerts have all been scheduled throughout the year to make the transition into college life easier.

"We try to tie together the academic and social life of the first year student. I really want to get people involved in the 'college experience,'" Student Activities Specialist Vincent Nguyen said.

A co-curricular transcript can also be obtained as a supplement to a student's academic transcript. This is given to first year students so that other colleges can see both academic and extra curricular activities a student was involved in during their stay at TJC.

First Year Experience also provides a website at <http://www.tjc.edu/fye/> to further explain their mission statement, giving helpful hints and resources, and a detailed schedule of events throughout the year.

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Belltower Arts Journal looking for submissions

BY SIMON SALEH
Arts Editor

The Bell Tower Arts Journal winds up for second issue ever. Dr. Linda Gary is ready for the submissions to come pouring in.

This Journal is composed of poetry, photography, short stories, visual or graphic arts, and essays. The Bell Tower put its first issue out on the Tyler Junior College campus just last year.

The first issue had 3000 copies produced and was released just before spring break. This year the journal is aiming for more pages to hold more submissions.

Dr. Linda Gary started The Bell Tower with the intentions of creating

a way for students to get their work out on campus and into the hands of the student body.

"I would love to see a copy in the hands of every student," said Dr. Gary.

The journal is created entirely by students and then edited by Dr. Gary. Students are even part of the committee that chooses the works that get published. The cover is an art piece chosen by a contest. For the first issue there were more than 200 submissions.

At the time of release, the first issue had funds for only 40 pages. Sarah Harrison, English Department Chair, and former dean Richard Minter, helped acquire funding for the project. Art Instructor Der-



The Bell Tower Arts Journal

The Bell Tower Arts Journal, an entirely student-generated publication, is actively seeking submissions of the following:

Poetry
Photography
Short Stories
Visual or Graphic Arts
Essays

Editorial guidelines and submission forms are available in the University Studies office in Jenkins Hall or from Dr. Linda Gary in J-183.

Deadline: November 2, 2007

The Bell Tower Arts Journal is sponsored by the Phi Gamma Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta.

rick White was on the selection committee and the editorial board.

"It was nice to see the variety of work that is out there and for the students to have a place to show their work," said White.

Submissions will be accepted

until Nov. 2. Students are allowed to submit as many works as they want. The journal goes to print at Christmas break and will be released before spring break. The Bell Tower is free and can be picked up at various locations on campus.

Former student premieres film

BY MONICA TALMAGE
Entertainment Editor

From top hats to Tommy guns, this short film has all the sensations of the 1920's.

Former TJC photography student, 21-year-old Samuel Ramsey, just recently released his first short film. It premiered in Winnsboro back in August, to more than 270 people.

With a unique style of filming, combined with flappers, gangsters, and gun shots, "The Photographer" brings the 1920s to life.

"I wanted every frame to look like a photograph," said Samuel, "and that's what thrills me most about filmmaking."

The film is based on a small town police photographer, James Lewis, who is searching for the true meaning of justice. Ella Reinhardt, whose mother passed away at an early age, lives with her preoccupied father in their spacious home and is left alone with a mystery her



mother left behind. James and Ella are linked together as a thunder cloud threatens to drench them both in a downpour that will reveal the mystery.

Preparation for this 55-minute film started back in February as Samuel and his 17-year-old sister started to write the screenplay. At the end of April, he began scouting locations in Winnsboro, his home town. He found a majority of props on e-bay along with the perfect car for the main character, James, an old 1926 Chevy Sedan. With the help of Samuel's older brother, the two

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Staff photo: Simon Saleh

Art Museum gets new home

BY FAITH HARPER

Staff Writer

After 36 years on the TJC campus, the Tyler Museum of Art is taking steps to move to a plot of land near the University of Texas at Tyler.

"This is a long-term commitment for the Museum. We took

our time to be sure we found an optimum location in terms of adequate space, costs, natural beauty and access for visitors," said leader of the Museum's site selection committee, Cynthia Ritter.

The museum is set to move from its current location on 1300 Mahon

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In His Memory

TJC tries to cope with a loss in the family

The following comments were left on the wall of the Facebook group "In loving memory of Payton Diers."

Payton I love you and I'm going to miss you so much! I know you're gonna be at all those games with us, and I want you to know that I will think of you every time I step on that field. You are a champion, a teammate, a friend, and an angel. We all love you, and will never forget you! This season's for Payton...I'll be grinding my teeth every pitch for you.

Matt Kinard

Payton I'll miss your beautiful smile and your friendly personality! I'll miss seeing you at the games but I know you will be out there with your fellow teammates- I love you! TJC- LETS GIVE THIS SEASON TO PAYTON AND BRING IT HOME.. ALL THE WAY!

Kathryn Harris

Your memories still brighten my day. You'll never be forgotten. Chemistry's never gonna be the same. I miss you buddy. I love you man.

Austin Duhon

The following comment was left on Payton's guestbook on www.tylerpaper.com

I had the privilege to have Payton as both a student and an athlete during his senior year at JHS. Though it was only a short time, I was able to watch him grow not only as a student-athlete, but a man as well. Payton was a great man, a terrific student, a dependable friend, and a true christian. Payton lived life the way it should be lived. For those of you fortunate enough to have known Payton, you know that it would be an understatement to say he will be missed. So instead I will say this...Payton Diers, you will never be forgotten, and you will always be with us. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life.

Casey Lusk

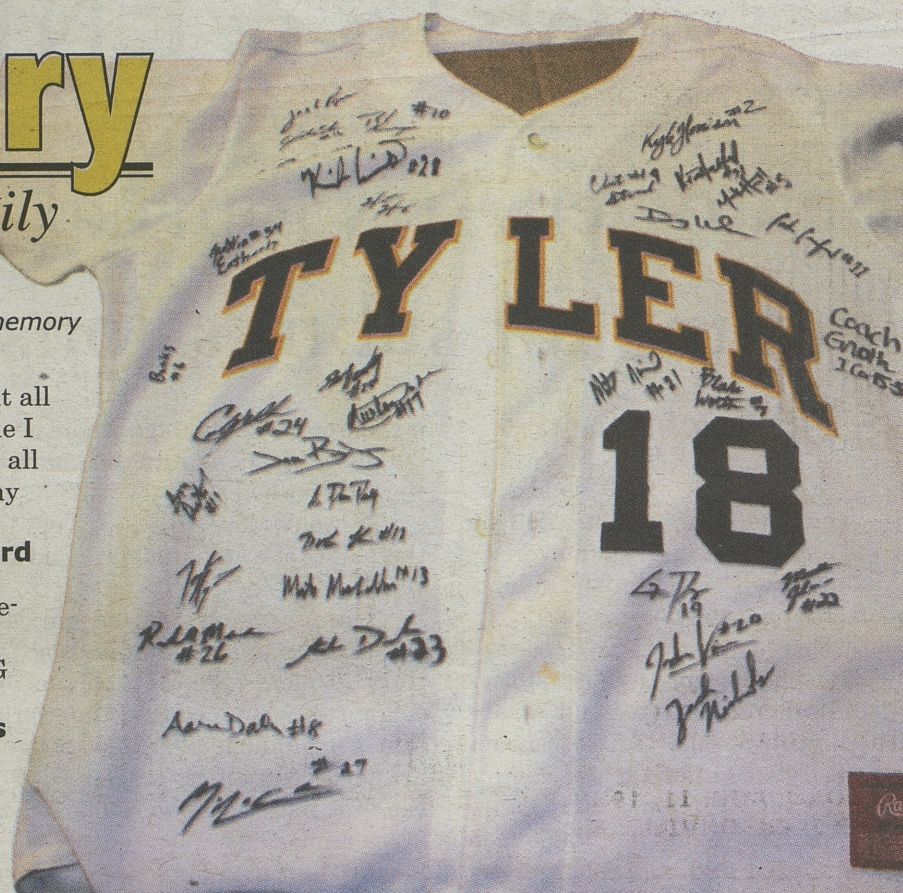
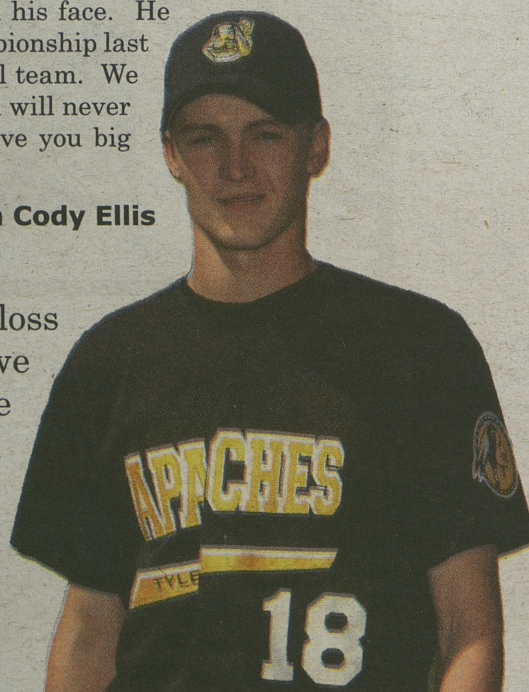
The following comment was received in an e-mail.

I had the privilege of coaching Payton last year at TJC. He was a great person to all his teammates and coaches and you would never see him without a huge smile on his face. He was a very big part of our national championship last year and also of our family as a baseball team. We will miss you very much Payton and you will never be forgotten in any of our hearts! I love you big guy!!

Asst. Coach Cody Ellis

"While we mourn Payton's loss together with his family, we also celebrate the fact that he was allowed to be a part of a Championship season we'll never forget."

Head Coach Jon Groth



Staff photo: Chris Shepperd

#18 jersey, worn by Payton Diers, was signed by the team in his honor.



Courtesy Photo

**18 - Payton Diers - Pitcher**

HT: 6'4" WT: 175
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BATS: RIGHT

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HOME: JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

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IP: 48.0
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ER: 19 BB: 17
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Diers

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strikeouts in just 48 innings of work. He also had 3.1 innings of work in the first championship game of the series.

"Payton was a big part of our success during our National Championship season. He started nine games and had many important

conference wins in our first MAC (Metro Athletic Conference) championship run," said Groth. "He had come back hungry and ready to be one of the leaders on our pitching staff."

Diers was known by most for his playful side.

"He was a goofy guy. It was hard not to have a smile on your face

when you were around him," said Sophomore First Basemen Caden Crawford. "He was so gullible. Everybody always gave him a hard time."

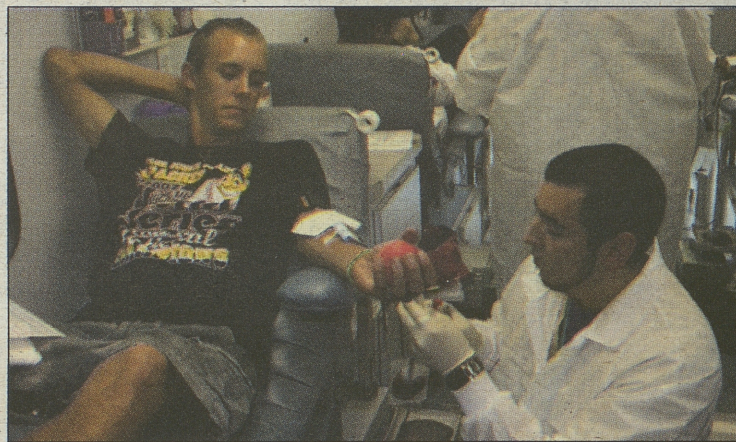
Tragedy is nothing new for

the Apache baseball team. In 2005, Apache Austin Phillips a 19-year-old Pitcher from Mansfield passed away from bacterial meningitis.

"The most important information I can encourage people with at this time is that Payton was a believer in Jesus Christ and he is now home," said Groth. "We are getting our national championship rings next week, Payton's already wearing his crown, and in that there is great hope."

Those wishing to show support can donate blood. All blood donated in Payton's name will be credited to the family to help offset the blood that was used during his fight for life.

The Jacksonville Baseball and Softball Association has also established the Payton Diers Memorial Scholarship. Donations can be made at Austin Bank in Jacksonville. For more information contact Suzette Beckham at 903-721-5650.



Staff photo: Chris Shepperd

TJC Lecture Series will feature former Dallas Cowboys

BY Brittnee Kennedy
 Staff Writer

The Tyler Junior College October Lecture Series presents former Dallas Cowboys Cliff Harris and Charlie Waters.

Ex-Cowboys Cliff Harris and Charlie Waters will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 25. The men will share stories about the life of being pro-footballers and how they are using their accomplishments and fame to help their community.

"The speakers will be addressing the topic The East Texas Experience and students will gain insight on how being from East Texas affects their lives and career. These are individuals who have excelled in their profession and can be a great source of information for students," said Scott Nalley, director of Student Activities.

Cliff Harris is said to be one of football's greatest, playing in five Super Bowls. Harris played for the Dallas Cowboys from 1970-80. He has received many accolades for his years in football, most recently the NFL Alumni Legends Award in 1997. Harris is also featured as the free safety on the Madden NFL video games.

Harris now lives in Rockwall and

is a board member of the Kent Waldrep's Paralysis Foundation. Harris helps many different charities and makes it a point to give back to his community.

Charlie Waters was a staple for the Cowboys from 1970-

82. Waters also played in five Super Bowls and won two World Championships. He was nominated in 2001 for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"Charlie Waters is known and admired by football fans of all ages," said former TJC student Jessica Williams, "I can't wait to go see him speak with my older brothers and my dad. He is a legend in the household I grew up in."

Waters holds several NFL records and many honors such as Cowboy Fan Favorite two times. After retiring Waters stayed in the game working as an NFL ana-



Courtesy Photo

Former Dallas Cowboys Cliff Harris and Charlie Waters

lyst for CBS Sports and going on to coach NFL and college teams. These long-time friends and co-workers will be speaking at 10 a.m. in the Apache Rooms of Rogers Student Center.

The TJC Lecture Series gives the public a chance to hear from real Texans who are now celebrities. Donna Bullock, actress and former TJC student, spoke on Oct. 10.

Tickets are free. Make reservations by calling 903-510-225 or pick them up one week before the event on the second floor Information Desk in Rogers Student Center.

Credit cards offer benefits and hassles

BY JESSICA SWINK
Staff Writer

Higher education often comes with an even higher price tag.

Clothes, textbooks, food, backpacks, a phone - these are only a few of the countless items that college students need. More often than not, many college students pay for these necessities with a credit card.

Although a credit card is usually looked upon as easier than carrying cash around, there are several consequences that can come with having one. The most well-known consequence is debt. According to an article about college students having credit cards on foxnews.com, many college students are vulnerable to credit card issuers. A study done in 2000 found that 71 percent of students "had no idea what interest rate they were paying." It can be easy to see how this combination of easy credit and inexperienced card holders can add up to trouble. However, staying free of debt is a reachable goal.

Sandra Allen is the Vice President of Corporate Security and New Accounts at First Bank in Tyler, Texas. She said,

"I think credit cards can be good for students who are responsible and have jobs or some means of income that will allow them to make their payments promptly...They are a good way to establish good credit and credit scores for the time major purchases such as cars, homes, and appliances are needed. Discipline is a very important factor when using credit cards."

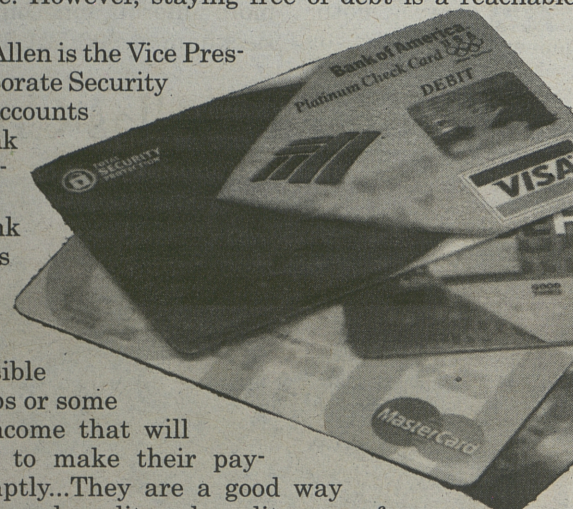
Sandra offered several tips about how students can stay out of debt, such as:

- keeping low balances and paying as soon as they get their bill
- avoiding late charges and fees
- keeping their credit good by making payments promptly
- being responsible and selective in using their credit card for purchasing

Stephanie Johnson, a sophomore at Tyler Junior College, doesn't have a credit card but instead has a debit card. Stephanie also offered some advice on staying out of debt.

"They should start out with a card with a very little spending limit. Watch what they buy and make sure they can cover what they are about to buy. When they do use the card, make sure they can pay it back," she said.

Although debit cards are slightly different than a credit card, students can still become behind in payments. A benefit of having a debit card, however, is that students can load up their own money on the card for when they go out shopping. When that amount is gone, they can't buy anything else until more money is loaded on the card. This can help in preventing over-spending.



iPod

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surprising one to many loyal iPod customers, especially to those who bought an iPhone for its introductory price of \$599 on its June 29 release date.

"I thought it was cute," said Princess Hicks, a sophomore at TJC who purchased her iPhone after the price cut for \$399. "It works well, but setting it up took me two hours. And even though I bought [the phone] from [AT&T], if anything happens to it, you have to get in touch with Apple to fix it."

The biggest changes were the next-generation iPods, including a 6th Generation iPod Classic, which can hold up to 120 GB of storage, and a reshaped 3rd Generation iPod Nano which now plays video as well as music and pictures. The prices of the previous generation Nanos and iPod Classics dropped as well.

"It's kind of unfair since I just bought [an iPod Classic]

and now it's \$120 cheaper," said Dawson White, a Baylor student and avid Apple enthusiast who purchased a 30 GB 5th Generation iPod Classic in July. "Now I can't sell mine and get as much money as I would have to get a newer one, so I'm kind of out of luck either way."

Although he is upset about the sudden Apple price cut, White is pleased that he did not buy an iPhone after deciding that the iPod-cell phone hybrid was not worth the steep \$599 price. As consolation to the nearly one million people who were the first to own an iPhone prior to the price cut, Apple CEO Steve Jobs offered a \$100 Apple Store credit to iPhone owners due to the negative reaction to the lowered price.


"I think it's kind of bad, but that's the way technology works," said Lauren Smith, a TJC student who took advantage of Apple's recent free iPod Nano giveaway with the purchase of every Mac computer in July.

"I like my Nano, but I kind of figured they were doing something new because they were giving them away. I like the new ones too, but I don't have to have one right now anyway."

The newest addition to the iPod line was the iPod Touch, a multi-touch interface iPod, and the first in the line to feature wireless internet access. Owners can surf the Internet using the Safari browser, watch online videos with a built-in YouTube program, and access a Wi-Fi iTunes Music Store, as well as use the traditional iPod features.

The iPod Classic now comes in both 80 GB and 120 GB models, priced between \$249 and \$349. The iPod Nano comes in 4 GB and 8 GB models priced between \$149 to \$199. The iPod Touch comes in 8 GB and 16 GB models and is priced between \$299 and \$399.

Apple MP3 players can be purchased either directly from Apple or from most major retailers in Tyler.



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Art Museum

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to a 13.5-acre plot of land located on the southeast corner of University Boulevard and Lazy Creek Drive.

"It's a beautiful piece of property. It's got a big creek that runs through it. We are going to try to keep it very natural and not cut any more trees than we have to and keep the water flowing through the property. There will be trails through it. It should be a very beautiful place," said Marketing and Public Relations coordinator for the TMA, Jan McCauley.

The new building is going to be designed by local architects. The principal architect is Bill Booziotis from Booziotis and Company Architects, in Dallas. Mr. Booziotis has asked Tyler architect Mike Butler, from Fitzpatrick Butler Architects, to assist with the

project. The landscaping of the new building has been granted to MESA Design of Dallas.

The current building was built in 1971 by the Junior League of Tyler on land donated to the museum by TJC. Originally the museum was not to have a permanent collection of art. It was designed only to hold traveling exhibits. Individuals began donating significant pieces of art and now the current private collection is over 800 pieces. There is little vault space to properly store all of the pieces.

"This is a very long-term process. You'd be looking at 2011 before we'd be deciding whether to leave this building all together, or leave part of the exhibition here. The lease contract is set up so that we have another 25 years that we could stay in the building," McCauley

said.

Still the question remains, what will happen to the building once the new location is finished? The museum has control of the building until their lease is up.

"I don't know if the new place, when built, will be big enough to walk away from this [current] building. They may keep this building for education purposes or their permanent collection. It's conceivable that they might have two locations," McCauley said.

"This is really the first step in the building process. The real key to the success of this project will be determined by the support we gather from the community, both new and long-term supporters, who want Tyler to have the best art museum possible," said Steve Manley, TMA board president.

The story behind our school song

BY STEPHANIE SPENCER

Staff Writer

The words of the Tyler Junior College alma mater capture the essence of TJC and rallies school spirit.

TJC's alma mater began as the "Apache Chant" in the 1942 yearbook by Frances Strange. The "Apache Chant" began paving the road for a tradition that would transform into a school anthem. Later Dr. Harry Jenkins, former President of TJC, updated the "Apache Chant" into what Apaches know today as the school alma mater.

"Dr. Harry Jenkins came up with the words," said J.W. Johnson, former Director of the TJC Music Department. Johnson adds that the melody of the alma mater was borrowed from Cornell University. "In 1965, I arranged it for choir," said Johnson.

The alma mater was first arranged to be choral, but later the band began to perform to the school song also. "The alma mater is performed at commencement, Founder's Day, sporting events and any school function," said Kerry Baham, director of Fine and Performing Arts. Over time the alma mater's significance grew with the school, capturing

the feeling of being a TJC apache. It is not uncommon to see an Alumni from time to time still recite the alma mater with the same pride as they did when they first sang it or performed it.

"It fits the school," said Shirley Mallory, former Apache Belle ('51-'52). "It begins with 'all apaches, men and maidens'... it just shows the significance of the Apaches. It's been a tradition since the early 40s. Not many people still sing it these days, but I still do!" Mallory continued.

From Strange to Jenkins to current Apaches, the alma mater is a tradition handed down throughout the decades to pep school spirit.

"All Apaches, men
and maidens, raise
your voices high.
'Till the echoes
heavy laden, swell
up to the sky!
On to honor!
On to glory!
On to victory!
Hail to thee our
Alma Mater
Hail to T-J-C!"

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Film

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rebuilt the car, engine and paint, for James to fashionably drive the streets throughout the movie. By May, the filming had begun and was soon finished by mid-June. From June to the end of July, it was nonstop editing.

All original music for the film was written and made by Samuel, along with his 12-year-old sister who wrote a piano piece, with the help of his father in the recording studio. Samuel's

mother and grandmother hand sewed all the costumes for each character. His cast of 20 consist of his three younger sisters, two cousins, and a few friends from their church.

"It was an intense journey," said Samuel. He had been working on The Photographer full-time for six months and has now entered it in the San Antonio Film Festival with hopes that his hard work will be recognized.

Apache

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VOLLEYBALL
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19 7:00 p.m.
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20 TBA
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
@ SAWBC JUCO
Jamboree (scrimmage)
Carrollton, TX

22 6:00 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
@ Navarro College

24 6:00 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
vs. Seminole State Co.

25 6:00 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
@ Paris Jr. College

26 TBA
VOLLEYBALL
@ University of
Arkansas - Ft. Smith
Tournament

27 7:00 p.m.
FOOTBALL
@ Northeastern
Oklahoma A&M

Tennis Complex wins design award

BY CLEMESTINE JACKSON
Sports Editor

The Jo Ann Medlock Murphy Tennis Complex recently received a national award for outstanding collegiate facility of 2007.

It is located at East Devine Street and Palmer Avenue on the TJC main campus, and is home to the TJC Apache Tennis Program.

"It is beautiful. It is the finest small college facility probably in the nation and it matches up with any divisional college," said Head Tennis Coach John Peterson.

On Labor Day, in New York City, TJC was presented the award for having the outstanding new collegiate facility of 2007. This award was presented at the United States Tennis Association in New York City in conjunction with the U.S. Open.

The courts at the Murphy Complex are composed of a hard surface, which happens to be the type of tennis courts used in collegiate play. When attending games, the fans will be seated on bleachers with cabanas providing shade during the matches.

TJC's tennis complex has the eight new courts, but also



Courtesy Photo

National award-winning JoAnn Medlock Murphy Tennis Complex.

still uses the eight old courts. "We are hoping that the old courts will be refurbished. Right now the new complex is an A-1 facility, and if we get those eight old courts refurbished, wow! It will give us a 16-court complex," said Coach Peterson.

But a project of this magnitude does not happen overnight. "I always wanted them to re-

furbish the old courts. Dr. William Crowe, the board of trustees, and being one of the powerhouse schools in junior colleges, it was decided to build a great facility. In their greatest vision, they never thought it would develop into a dynamic tennis complex, but it did," he said.

The complex was designed

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Three players come from Brazil to play volleyball

BY TASHA FORRESTER
Staff Writer

Three Brazilian women transferred to Tyler Junior College this fall to play volleyball for Coach Dana Hatch - something they said was well worth the trip.

Dalia Serra, Tatiana Kuhn and Leticia Kuhn are new incoming sophomores. All three of them said they miss home, their families and even Brazilian food, but playing volleyball is important to them and they're giving it their all.

"During the season it is hard to have free time," said Tatiana.

Originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Dalia Serra transferred in from Navarro College.

"I came here just to study and play volleyball. I always saw how Coach Hatch was with her girls during the games. They were



Staff Photo: Chris Shepperd

TJC volleyball players celebrate a recent victory over Paris Junior College

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Basketball team looking ahead to new season

BY MECHELLE WOODS
Staff Writer

With all five starters from last year graduated, the Tyler Junior College Men's Basketball Team is rebuilding with sophomore leadership and a lot of new talent.

"With all the newness there will be ups and downs, but that's all part of the fun," Coach Mike Marquis said.

Players Malcom Thomas (forward), Jamie Vanderbeken (post), and William Kossangue (guard) are returning this year.

Coach Marquis said he feels they are an "important part of leadership and our ability to play well early is riding on their shoulders."

Coach Marquis, who is

in his 20th year of coaching, makes sure that his team does just as well off the court as they do on it.

All coaches ensure that the young adults here advance as students as well as athletes.

The men's team is receiving help this year from new assistant coach Scott Monarch who was a head coach at Panola College for six years.

While most fall sports end in the fall semester, the basketball season goes from November to March.

Due to this dedication, Coach Marquis said that usually 14 out of 14 of his players go Division I.

"We have a good strong team this year, and we are ready to play," Vanderbeken said.

TJC Forensics team starts up new campus organization: Phi Rho Pi

BY LESLIE DOBBINS
Staff Writer

Got something to say?

Get involved with the Tyler Junior College Speech Department and say it!

Many students may not know about the opportunities to have their voices heard available at TJC.

One such opportunity presents itself by involvement with a Forensics group.

Students participating in Forensics prepare their own events, which include different forms of debate and poetry, prose and other forms of speaking or acting.

TJC students compete equally against other community colleges and universities.

Presently with 10 students participating in collegiate academic tournaments; this TJC community college program is ranked at third place in the nation.

This program has been in practice here for over 60 years, with Instructor M'liss Hindman currently in charge.

Hindman has been a Speech instructor at TJC for just over 30 years.

She is proud of the Speech and Theatre Department TJC has to offer; and wants to bring 'a greater appreciation to the speech side.'

She is excited about another way to students a say with a new speech club: Phi Rho Pi. Which is a national community college affiliation.

"It's a lot of fun," Hindman said, "good for P.R."

Tournaments will be held at high schools and colleges. TJC will have tutoring available for this upcoming group.

It also offers training in the job field for those who want to judge speech debates at high schools.

Phi Rho Pi officers are: President Christina Ivey, Vice President Jordan Innerarity, Secretary Rachel Snyder, Treasurer Jacob Hopson and Student Senate Representative Travis Smith.

Meetings will be held once a month on the third Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Theatre Building.

For more information regarding this group, contact M'liss Hindman at (903) 510-2206.

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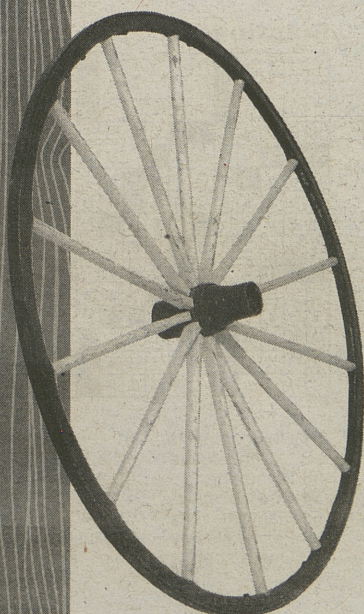
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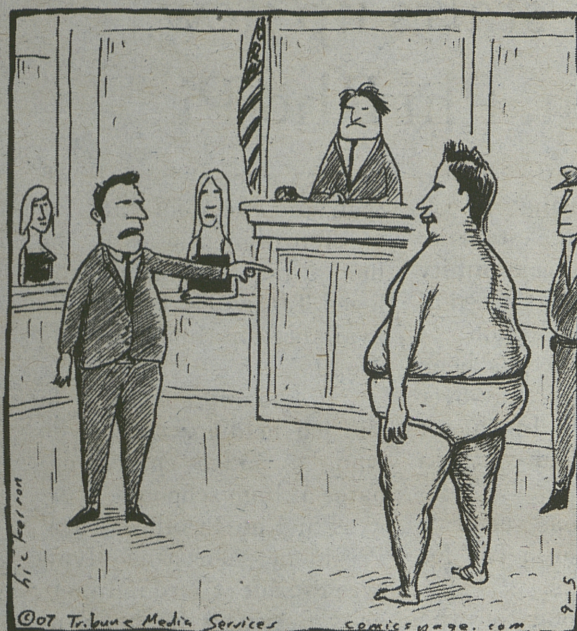
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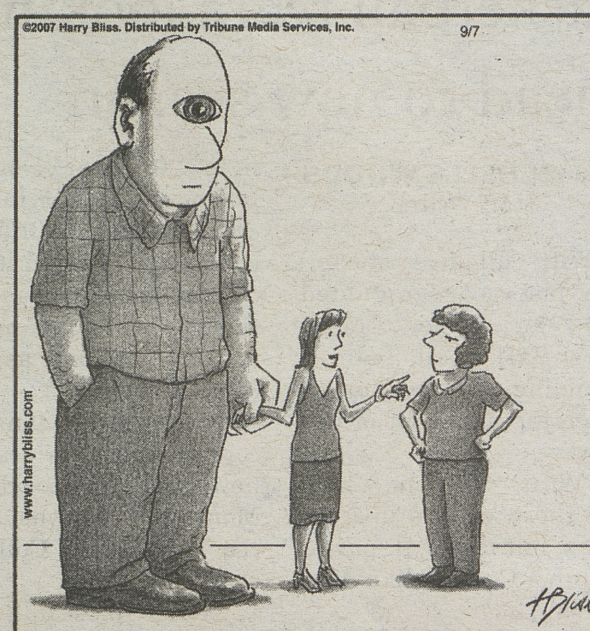




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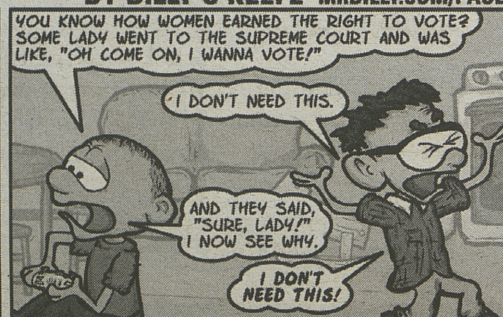


"... And the best thing about Harold is, he only has eye for me."

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OVEN-BAKED CHICKEN PARMESAN

- ¼ cup flour
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cornflake crumbs
- 1 tablespoon water
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 (26-ounce) jar of spaghetti sauce (divided use)
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ¼ cup parmesan (grated or shredded)
- 12 ounces uncooked spaghetti

Preheat oven to 375F. Lightly coat baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Place flour, egg and cornflake crumbs in separate bowls. Add the water to the bowl with egg and beat well.

Place the chicken breasts on a flat surface, cover with plastic wrap and pound the thick parts with the bottom of a saucepan until they are about ½ inch thick.

Dip chicken breasts in flour to coat. Shake off excess.

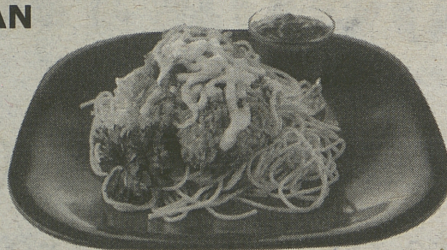
Dip both sides of chicken breasts in egg, then immediately place in cornflake crumbs. Press slightly to make sure they stick. Place chicken breasts in pan.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until chicken is done.

Remove from oven and place 2 tablespoons of spaghetti sauce on top of each chicken breast and top with mozzarella cheese. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and bake for 8 to 10 minutes longer, until cheese is melted.

Meanwhile, bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil and add spaghetti. Cook for 10 minutes, or until al dente. Drain spaghetti in colander and keep warm. Heat remaining spaghetti sauce in a small saucepan over medium-low heat.

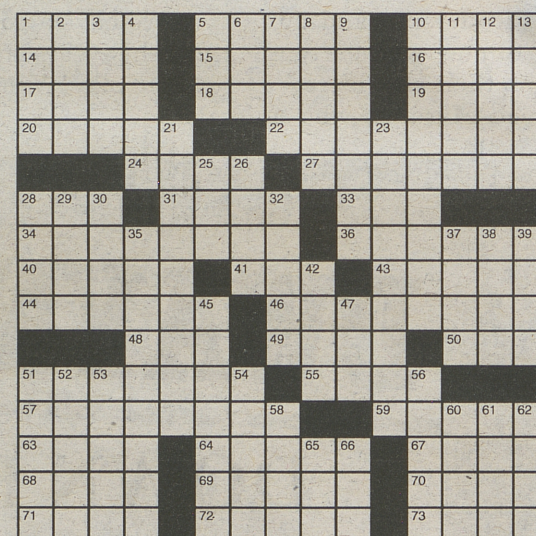
Serve the chicken with spaghetti and sauce on the side. Serve with more parmesan, if you like. Makes 4 servings.



Crossword

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 - 14 Trellis piece
 - 15 Bonehead play
 - 16 Burn balm
 - 17 Skin opening
 - 18 Capital on the Nile
 - 19 Be sure of
 - 20 Ex-QB Bart
 - 22 Lessen
 - 24 New Jersey NBA-ers
 - 27 Loses one's temper
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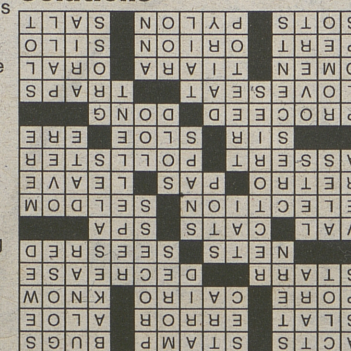
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 - 11 Of an arm bone
 - 12 Barnyard fowl
 - 13 Stitched
 - 21 Parish priests' pads
 - 23 Offensive
 - 25 Skater
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 - 29 Pub servings
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Solutions



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- 53 In the open
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- 60 Opera song
- 61 Gloomy atmosphere
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Tennis Complex

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by Mike Butler of Fitzpatrick Butler Tyler Architects, Inc., in Tyler in accordance with TJC specifications.

The Murphy Complex actually broke ground in July 2006 and took less than a year to build. Opening ceremony was held on March 24, 2007.

The Murphy Complex was named for Jo Ann Medlock Murphy who was pas-

sionate about tennis. Her husband gave \$800,000 to the college in honor of his late wife.

The total cost of this facility was \$1 Million

The tennis program at TJC is an active part of a community outreach program designed to provide opportunities for TJC to host collegiate tournaments as well as tournaments for adults and youth.

Dr. Metke

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"And then in December, I hope to ramp that up."

Though he currently serves as president of Lake Washington Technical College in Kirkland, Wash., Dr. Metke will attend monthly board meetings in Tyler and will participate via teleconference in weekly meetings with TJC vice presidents.

Dr. Metke said starting earlier will give him time to get to know the college and the community so he can "hit the ground running" in January.

"I would like to engage in some strategic planning ... and help develop a roadmap for the future," said Dr. Metke. "For me it's all about options, creating opportuni-

ties for students, finding a need and filling it."

Dr. Metke, who studied and worked in Texas before taking his current job in Washington state, said he and his wife Donna are looking forward to their move to Tyler.

"My wife and I have been talking the last few days about how good it feels, the Texas way of life," said Dr. Metke.

Volleyball

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very relaxed during warm ups. They were serious, but laid back and could have fun, too. I try and make the environment fun for us when we're on the road by making jokes. I don't know if I am funny, but I try."

Two of the girls are sisters, Tatiana and Leticia Kuhn. Both are from Esteio, Brazil.

Tatiana transferred here from Western Wyoming Community College and Leticia transferred from Western Nebraska Community College because they wanted to be near each other.

"I wanted to be with my sister. It was hard to be

alone. Last year in Nebraska we had eight Brazilians, but not my sister. Not family," said Leticia Kuhn.

Though younger than her sister by three years, Leticia boasts being the more aggressive one of the two.

"When the team is playing, I'm very aggressive. I hate to lose and I sometimes trash talk to the other team. Brazil is different than America in this because everybody in Brazil is more aggressive than here. I am so intense."

Tatiana brings her age and experience to the team.

She has been playing in Brazilian sports clubs since she was 14 years old.

"I think if we can play



Staff Photo: Tasha Forrester

hard every game, every match and never give up then we can go to nationals. We need to keep it in our minds as the goal and do everything we can to get there," she said.

Soprano needed to supplement small choir. Stipend.

Contact E. Garvey.

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Highland Presbyterian Church

Need news?

The Apache Pow Wow is distributed every other Monday on the TJC campus.





Staff photo: Faith Harper

Homecoming King Ryan Renner and Homecoming Queen Courtney Resenthal.



Staff photo: Chris Shepperd

Drumbeat: Freshmen Tiadra Espardrum (left) and Megan Dauman (right) keep the beat alive.

APACHE PRIDE

A collection of photos from Tyler Junior College's 2007 Homecoming "Show us Your Feathers"



Staff photo: Lauren Dennard

Above: Apache Punch bass brings the low end.

Below: Color Guard takes a moment to pose for the camera after performing at the pep rally.



Staff photo: Jonathan Nelte

Staff Photo: Kayla Tracy



Above: Cheerleaders perform on the lawn in front of Jenkins Hall at the TJC Homecoming Pep Rally.

Right: Apache Punch Drumline keeps the beat moving as the crowd is encouraged to make some noise.

Staff photo: Lauren Dennard

